

COUNTRY Poland

TOPIC Military Information from the Przemysl area

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1. Prior to mid-January 1951, about 500 Polish border guard troops were quartered in a barracks installation on the south side of ul. Mickiewicza and on ul. Okrzeja at the eastern perimeter of Przemysl (S 50/V 55). *
2. A Polish infantry unit of about 350 soldiers was stationed in the barracks installation on the east side of ul. 3-go Maja, together with an officer and NCO school where, for the most part, members of the Polish prewar army were trained. **
3. The training of Polish troops in Przemysl was supervised by Soviet officers.
4. The Polish-Soviet border east of Przemysl, which ran just east of the village of Poczta (S 50/V 55), was controlled on the Polish side by personnel who were substantially inferior in number to the personnel on the Soviet side. A continuous line of barb-wire entanglements marked the border. On the Soviet side, there were watchtowers with revolving searchlights at intervals of about 200 meters, and patrols of soldiers with trained dogs.
5. Westbound Soviet supply shipments which went via Przemysl between September 1950 and mid-January 1951 showed a marked increase in armored vehicles and heavy weapons while there was a drop in fuel shipments. ***

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* Comment. The HQ 15th. (Order Guard) Brig is carried in Przemysl.
 ** Comment. In addition to this rather small barracks installation, there are two large barracks installations in Przemysl which have not been mentioned in the report. The assignment of the infantry unit observed cannot be determined.

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Comment. The railroad line from Przemysl to Silosia via Krakow is one of the Soviet supply lines earmarked for traffic of German locomotive columns. However, since no locomotive columns have as yet been observed operating there, it is believed that supply trains on this line are operated by Polish personnel and that the supplies were consigned to units in Poland or in Polish-occupied Germany. The information on an increase in supply shipments after September 1950 confirms reports by other sources on westbound shipments of heavy Soviet materiel to the Silesian area via Przemysl.

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